

News from the Wyoming Department of Health

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Loan Repayment and Scholarship Information Available

The Wyoming Department of Health is offering a new web-based resource for healthcare professionals and students who may be looking for education loan repayment or scholarship information.

Found online at http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/rural/Workforce_Development.html, the web page includes links to numerous loan repayment and healthcare scholarship programs for doctors, nurses, healthcare faculty, mental health and allied healthcare professionals.

Jeff Hopkins, healthcare recruitment and workforce specialist in the department's Office of Rural Health, said costs associated with becoming a healthcare professional can range from \$2,000 to \$200,000. "Many of the programs featured on our web page have significant funding to encourage healthcare professionals to relocate to rural and underserved areas," he said.

Programs featured on the web page include the Nurse Education Loan Repayment program offered by the National Health Service Corps and the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment and Scholar programs.

The Office of Rural Health intends to update the page as new opportunities become available. Hopkins may also be contacted by telephone at (307) 777-2930.

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